SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 746 By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to encourage every school participating in interscholastic sports to request their students to sign a pledge not to unlawfully use anabolic steroids.

WHEREAS, referred to by some health care professionals as an epidemic, the illegal use of anabolic steroids at the middle and high school levels to enhance performance in sporting competitions has reached an alarming level; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Disease Control recently reported that from 1991 to 2003, steroid use more than doubled among high school students, and more than six percent of 15,000 students surveyed acknowledged that they had tried steroid pills or shots at least once; and

WHEREAS, with reports of steroid abuse by student-athletes continuing to grow at a rapid pace, school districts, high school sports associations, and state and local governments across the country are moving to protect these young athletes from steroid use and its inherent health risks and dangers; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Tennessee's students is of the utmost importance to the citizens of Tennessee and this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby encourage each school in Tennessee that participates in interscholastic sports to request that each student participating in an interscholastic sport in that school year sign a pledge not to use anabolic steroids, as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802, without a prescription from a licensed health care practitioner or any other prohibited performance-

enhancing substance listed by the United States Anti-Doping Guide to Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Education for distribution to local school systems in Tennessee.

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